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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS

REF: STATE 232031

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS I CALLED ON THE FOREIGN SECRETARY TO RAISE ONCE AGAIN THE QUESTION OF CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS, NOTING THAT THE VOTE ON THE ISSUE WOULD TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK.

2. AS HE HAD BEGUN OUR CONVERSATION WITH A LONG AND OPEN DISCUSSION OF WHAT IS GOING ON WITH SECRETARY BREZHNEV JUST NOW, I FELT THE NEED FOR A COMPARABLE DEGREE OF CANDOR. ACCORDINGLY, I SAID TO HIM THAT IT WAS MY PERSONAL VIEW -- WHOLLY UNOFFICIAL -- THAT THERE WAS NO WAY INDIA COULD VOTE WITH THE UNITED STATES ON THIS ISSUE, WHAT WITH RUSSIA, CHINA, AND THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONK GALL ON THE OTHER SIDE. I SAID THAT I PERSONALLY HOPED WAS THAT INDIA MIGHT ABSTAIN, MUCH AS SHE HAD DONE AT ALGIERS. I SAID THE UNITED STATES ATTACHED VERY GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO THE OUTCOME OF THIS ISSUE, AND WE WOULD BE FORCED TO MAKE JUDGMENTS ABOUT THOSE NATIONS THAT WERE ABLE AND THOSE WHO WERE

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NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT AT LEAST POSSIBLE FOR THE LON NOL

GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO REPRESENT ITS COUNTRY AT THE UN. I SAID THAT BEYOND THE NEAR POLITICAL ISSUE

THERE WAS ALSO A QUESTION OF THE LONG TERM INTERESTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS AN ORGANIZATION. I SAID IT WAS NOT MY VIEW THAT NATIONS FREQUENTLY PAID MUCH HEED TO SUCH QUESTIONS, BUT THAT IN THIS INSTANCE THE UNITED STATES WAS IN FACT CONCERNED, EVEN IF IT WAS A LOWER ORDER OF CONCERN. WHATEVER ONE MIGHT THINK OF THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT. THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION THAT IT WAS THE SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT TO THAT WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY REPRESENTED IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THAT FOR IT TO BE

THROWN OUT IN FAVOR OF A GOVERNMENT BASED THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, IN ANOTHER COUNTRY ALTOGETHER, WAS TO INVITE MORE DISASTER THAN EVEN THE UNITED NATIONS COULD SUSTAIN. IT WAS A PRECEDENT NONE OF US COULD PUT UP WITH.

3. KEWAL SINGH REPLIED, WITH MORE CONVENTION THAN I COULD DISSEMBLE IF IT WERE NOTHING MORE THAN THAT, THAT HE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED MY PRELIMINARY REMARKS, WHICH TO HIM WERE EVIDENCE OF THE VERY CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAD TRAVELLED TOGETHER IN THE PAST YEAR. HE QUITE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERNS. HE INDICATED HE HAD NO DOUBT IN HIS OWN MIND THAT LON NOL'S WAS THE "SUCCESSOR" GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THE MATTER WOULD BE GIVEN VERY CAREFUL ATTENTION, AND THAT HE WOULD PUT IT UP TO HIS "CHIEFS" ID DBGMAGDOR#THE UNITED NATIONS VOTE.

4. COMMENT: THEY COULD CONCEIVABLY ABSTAIN. IF THEY DO IT WILL BE TO PLEASE US, AND TO AVOID A PRECEDENT WHICH COULD PLAGUE THEM AS MUCH OR MORE THAN ANY LARGE MULOON-ETHNIC NATION. STILL, I DOUBT IT.  
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